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Enclosed with this Response are the following:

1. Revised Claims 1-25 in replacement pages (in triplicate) numbered 37-39.

Claims deleted: None Claims added: None

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- 2. Response to Item V of the Written Opinion.
- 3. A marked-up version of claims showing claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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